

## Working Healthy Resources

KEESM 5130

### Is there a Resource limit?

For the MS program, the resource limit for one person is \$2,000 and for two or more persons it is \$3,000 (excluding SSI recipients). For the QMB, LMB and QWD programs, an individual may have non-exempt resources up to 2 times these allowable standards. Part D Subsidy resources are \$11,010 for one person and \$22,010 for two.

In the Working Healthy program, the non-exempt resources shall not exceed **\$15,000** for all of the members on the WH assistance plan. The \$15,000 resource limit is the same for one person and for two or more person plans.

There is an additional resource exemption for Working Healthy consumers that other MS consumers are not allowed.

All pension and retirement related accounts are exempt for persons in this group. This includes pension funds, IRA's, and 401(k) plans. These resources should be coded '**WR**' on OTAP or LIRE so the system will exempt them for the Working Healthy program.

Sometimes you will have a Working Healthy and Food Stamp case. For the FS program, 401(k) plans are also exempt. If you have a combination WH/FS case, then you would need to use the code "**XA**" on OTAP or LIRE so KAECSSES will exempt the 401(k) plan for both the Working Healthy program and the Food Stamp program.

True or False?	Do you know resource policy?
	Consumers can set aside \$8,000 irrevocably for their funeral service.
	Karla sold her home this month and plans on buying another in 60 days, the proceeds are countable.

Answers: False, False.  
If you missed one  
please review the  
Resource pages of the  
Independent Living  
Training Academy.

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## Resources and KAECSSES

The KAECSSES system will not recognize resource eligibility for the household if non-exempt resources exceed the MS resource limits of \$2,000 for 1 person and \$3,000 for two people.

The EES worker will have occasion where they will have to manipulate the coding of resources to get the system to recognize Working Healthy eligibility.

The process by which an EES worker should follow to manipulate resources for Working Healthy is as follows:

1. The EES worker codes all resources on the KAECSSES system according to policy.
2. The EES worker makes a **screen print** of the MSRD screen for the file. This screen shows the accurate amount of countable and exempt resources belonging to the consumer.
3. The EES worker goes back into the resource screens and codes all resources in excess of the \$2,000 for 1 person or \$3,000 for two people '**WX**' for Working Healthy cases. The '**WX**' code exempts resources from the system determination specifically for the Working Healthy program.